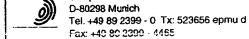
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II Priority			וחת בי ביחו			
III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
IV Lack of unity of invention						
V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty in the step of index to the statement in						
VI Certain document cited			in W			
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VIII Certain observations o	n the international appli	cation		7		
3. The applicant is hereby invited to repty to this opinion.						
When? See the time limit indicated request this Authority to gr	d above. The applicant may rant an extension, see Rule	y, before the expiration of 66.2(d).	of that time limit,			
How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.						
For the examiner's obligate	ity to submit amendments, ion to consider amendmen ation with the examiner, se	ts and/or arguments, se	e Rule 66.4 bis.			
If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.						
The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 17/03/2002.						
Name and mailing address of the international Authorized officer / Examiner						



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1.	Wit . the	h regard to the eler receiving Office in	nents of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"):					
	De	Description, pages:						
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2.	With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.							
	These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:							
		the language of a	ranslation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).					
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3			leotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the y examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:					
		contained in the in	temational application in written form.					
		filed together with the international application in computer readable form.						
		furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.						
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		The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.						
		The statement that listing has been ful	the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence mished.					
4.	The	ne amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:						
		the description,	pages:					
		the claims.	Nos.:					

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the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

According to Rule 66.2.a (vi) PCT, the applicant is notified that an International Preliminary Examination will not be carried out because the claims relate to subject-matter in respect of which no International Search Report has been established. In the present case, given that no subject-matter has been searched, an International Preliminary Examination will not be carried out even if the applicant amends the set of claims (Rule 66.1(e) and Rule 70.2(d) PCT).